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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, EMPIRE MINE STATE HISTORIC PARK, NEVADA COUNTY

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing concerning the proposed NPDES permit and time schedule order. Regional Water Board staff has arranged for posting and publishing of the Notice.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please call me at (916) 464-4757.

Melissa Hall
Water Resource Control Engineer

Enclosure: Notice of Public Hearing

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CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

Adoption of New NPDES Permit
and
Time Schedule Order
for

**EMPIRE MINE STATE HISTORIC PARK
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
NEVADA COUNTY**

The State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, owns and operates the Empire Mine State Historic Park. Mine drainage is discharged from a constructed mine drain to an unnamed tributary to the South Fork of Wolf Creek, which is tributary the South Fork of Wolf Creek, Wolf Creek, and the Bear River. The proposed permit contains a significant number of new effluent limitations and time schedules to complete studies to further assess water quality and to complete planning and/or construction of a treatment system to comply with the new limitations. The proposed Time Schedule Order provides a time schedule to comply with the new effluent acute toxicity, aluminum, antimony, arsenic, barium, cobalt, color, dissolved oxygen, iron, manganese, pH, settleable solids, total suspended solids, turbidity, and vanadium limitations included in the proposed permit.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Board meeting that is scheduled for:

DATE: 23 June 2006
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Board Office
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Board
- State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation
- DeltaKeeper

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the

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Board no later than **14 June 2006**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular, how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

The tentative NPDES permit and time schedule order were issued 30 March 2006. The written comment period for this item has closed.

Anyone having questions on the adoption of a new NPDES permit and time schedule order for the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Empire Mine State Historic Park should contact **Melissa Hall** at **(916) 464-4757**. Interested parties may download the proposed Orders and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/>. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross-examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 *et seq.* and are available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 *et seq.* The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer

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